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Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure - Group 2861

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIDEO SUGIMURA et al. ) Examiner: S. Hsieh  
Application No.: 10/081,843 ) Group Art Unit: 2861  
Filed: February 25, 2002 )  
For: INK JET RECORDING )  
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THEREOF : Monday, April 5, 2004

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

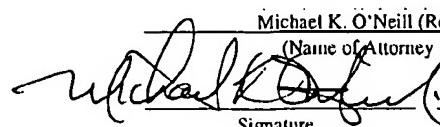
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, the term for responding to which having been extended to Monday, April 5, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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